WITH THE FARMERS

By Prof. W. F. MASSEY



out and start gulleys.

I have given more space to this than usual, because it is a matter of great importance to the hill tarmers. If a farmer is going to keep his hills always in clean cultivated crops and is ways in clean cultivated crops and is orchard?"

most to neip are the men who imagine that they know it all, and do not need to read, for they do not believe in book farming. And yet the greatest need in our agriculture to-day is brains.

"Will Bermuda grass do in a peach orchard?" going to scratch the land over with orchard?" a one-horse plow, he had better use the Mangum terrace, as it is better

the Niagaras tumbling from one to another, and if that field had not been in a good sod, there would have been in a good sod, there would have been guileys started. Then I once passed a field, where a new series of Mangum there had been a heavy rainfall, and straight through the line of terraces I saw a fresh guily started. It is all a matter of deep plowing, sod turning and level cultivation, and here in Virginia any good farmer can prevent his land from washing into guileys if he land from washing into guileys if he seems than here in the proper treatment they be that with the proper treatment they

shock corn, even it his his way to have a stock to amend the provided of the corn crop, for the said and the stock to an any he can get a better article of fodder and its will go be to saved in the best green condition. The content of the saved at that state of the corp is a costly when the shucks on the sars were perfect that state of the corp is a costly article, for it has been shown by carefully conducted experiments at several of the Corp car

and try something else that he has ing the land?"
heard will pay. Such men will never The object of applying fertilizers to heard will pay. Such men will never make their farming pay, no matter what the crop, until they realize that farming is a profession that demands the crop with the crop that demands the crop will use it most readily. Of course, when applied in the furrow before clarific the crop the crop that the crop that the crop the crop that the cro

thought to their work.
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stock and more feed for them, and Virginia have gul- hence more manure for the land. The lied by reason of man who has a bunch of fat cattle to the same shallow sell in the spring is never the man who plowing, and in writes to know, about growing sunmany places in the sources, for he grows corn and has a upper Piedmont, by site, and gets manure for his land and letting the land the does not below to the does not belong to the merchant who in neglected pas-ture too long, till supplies him fertilizer on credit. It w. F. Massey. the gulleys have is to try to help get the poor farmers

W. F. Massey. the gulleys have formed on the cattle tracks. They often wondered at my plowing a good grass sod, as they had an idea that the longer the hills were in grass the better. But my object was to keep a good grass sod and never let it run good grass sod and never let it ru

No, nor any other grass. Bermuda would not thrive where the trees shade the land, and a peach orchard should But I have seen a field in North Catolina where there were terraces made in the best Mangum style, and I have seen them fill and break over like little Niagaras tumbling from one to another, and if that field had not been in

ginia any good farmer can prevent his land from washing into gulleys if he farms it right. If he does not, then he may find it necessary to check the water and carry his soil more slowly down the hill. Poor farming makes gulleys, and good farming prevents and stops them. It depends, therefore, on what sort of farming you do, as to whether you should terrace or not. I never found any need for them.

Clam Shells.

"Are clam shells as good as oyster shells for grinding or making lime?"
Any shells found in the salt water, clam shells, oyster shells, scallop shells, etc., are all carbonate of lime, and one is as good as another, the only thing to consider is what you can get most plentifully and cheapest.

"When is not too rich to grow big sweet potatoes. The only difficulty will be that with the proper treatment they may grow too big. Your garden, like hundreds of other gardens, has probably been covered with stable manure every spring, and you have simply gotten an excess of nitrogen. This does not matter, if it is balanced by a due percentage of phosphoric acid and potash. A light, sandy soil, the only soil in which the best sweet potatoes are grown, needs especially phosphoric acid and potash enough to balance the nitrogen it contains. If you will put on your garden at rate of 1,000 pounds an acre a mixture 8 per cent phosphoric acid and 10 per cent potash, you will make sweet potatoes all right. But do not use any stable manure on them.

Hutry Vetch.

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Feed Cutters and Shocked Corn.

"Will it pay me to buy a cutter to cut up corn fodder, sheaf oats, etc.?" Will it pay a small farmer to cut and shock corn, even if his place will not afford a shredder." Where one has stockle to any stable manure on them.

Hairy Vetch.

"When is the best time for sowing hairy vetch?" Probably in the middle of August is as good a tline as any. If you are interested in wheat, I would advise letting the vetch alone and sticking to crimson clover, for there is danger that the vetch will set into the

farmer has simply gotten some nice fodder and has paid a full market price for corn in getting it.

So long as the leaves on the corn are green and flourishing, they are making starch and feeding the ears. Then it is not a matter of whether a farmer has a shredder or not. It is simply a matter of whether he is willing to lose corn in order to have better fodder. I think that a small farmer and a large farmer should let farmer and a large farmer should let the corn mature, more, and then cut

ting of tops so common in the South. So far as the actual labor is concerned, there is little difference in the two methods for outting and shocking corn is heavy work, as I know.

Clover for Name.

"I am sending you a plant of clover, and would like to know which it is, and whether it will reseed the land of de?" The plant is trifolium hybridum, and is supposed to be a cross between white clover and the medium red clover. It is called Alstinety of clover, and it will trive on soil that is too low and wet for red clover, and it will trive on soil that is too low and wet for red clover, and distinct species of clover. It will grow on soils too acid and poor for red clover, and, as I have said on soils too wet for red clover. It will grow on soils too acid and poor for red clover, and, as I have said on soils too wet for red clover, and as I have said on soils too wet for red clover. It will grow on soils too acid and poor for red clover, and as I have said on soils too wet for red clover. It will grow on soils too acid and poor for red clover, and as I have said on soils too wet for red clover. It will grow on soils too acid and poor for red clover, and as I have said on soils too wet for red clover. It will grow on soils too acid and poor for red clover, and an even used to show the for red clover. It will grow on soils too acid and poor for red clover, and as I have said on soils too wet for red clover. It will grow on soils too acid and poor for red clover, and as I have said on soils too wet for red clover. It will grow on soils too acid and poor for red clover, and as I have said on soils too wet for red clover. It will grow on soils too acid and poor for red clover, and an eventuation of corn is that we can get the weeder and harrow in the early clover but not so claim as provided and poor for red clover. It will grow on soils too acid and poor for red clover, and as I have the provided and poor for red clover. It will grow on soils too acid and poor for red clover, and as I have the provided and poor for

I am continually getting letters asking about the cultivation and profit of growing sunflowers, gold seal, ginseng, and all sorts of crops that the writers of the letters have read about it evaporated and wert off interests. seng, and all sorts of crops that the writers of the letters have read about being profitable, and they want to have me tell all about the cultivation of these things. Whenever I get such letters I know at once that here is a farmer who is not farming well, and who imagines that some new crop will be the thing to grow, and he is ready to abandon the old money crop and try something else that he has ing the land?"

study and skill, and that to succeed one does not need new crops, but to learn how to cultivate the old ones more intelligently and successfully. Going into some crop for which there Going into some crop for which there is a limited and uncertain demand will be disastrous to the men who think that all they have to do is to plow and plant and cultivate, without giving thought to their work.

E. W. Massic (long since dead), a resident of the town, and at that time a member of the Virginia State Senate, was instrumental in getting the charter through the charter granted. On the 3d day of September, 1870, an election was held for

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] cent. The annual dividend of 10 per of the bank has increased from \$30.000 to \$50,000. The cashier's report
showed assets of nearly \$1,000,000. The
following officers were elected: M. G.
Willis, president; Lee J. Graves, vicepresident; John F. Gouldman, I.

Cashier: D. Good. president; John F. Gouldman, Jr., cashier; D. Gordon Gouldman, assistant cashier. Board of directors: M. G. Willis, Colonel E. E. Cole, Lee J. Graves, W. H. Peden, W. S. Chesley. David Hirsh, E. G. Heflin, Dr. J. Gar-nett King, B. P. Willis, A. P. Rowe, F. P. Stearns, E. C. Ninde, Dr. George H. Chewning, M. F. Waite, John F.

Gouldman, Jr. J. Bloomburg, who conducts a bar-J. Bloomburg, who conducts a bargain house in this city, went to Warsaw in the Northern Neck, secured a license for selling goods and proceeded to auction off a lot of goods from a wagon in the village. A. R. Mallory, a merchant at Warsaw, swore out a warrant against Bloomburg, charging that he should secure a pediar's license. The case was brought before Justice Muir, and Bloomburg was fined \$100. He refused to pay, and stated that he desired to appeal the case. He got in communication with his at-

better fodder. I think that a small farmer and a large farmer should let the corn mature, more, and then cut and oure it in smoks, and then, too, grow plenty of hay and not be so dependent on corn fodder. It is this neglect of the hay crop, and the dependence on corn fodder that has made the stripping of blades and cutting of tops so common in the South, for a state of the land is at all rough. Will it to the same place. The Presbyterians of the land is at all rough. Will it to the same place. The Presbyterians of this city will also give an excursion to Quantico, and provided the land is at all rough. Will it to the same place. The Presbyterians of this city will also give an excursion to Quantico.

the Fredericksburg State Normal School. S. G. Howison, farm demon-strator of Spotsylvania County, also spoke. Another similar meeting will be held in that section August 2.

WEST POINT'S BIRTHDAY.

Port Richmond' Has Passed Its Forty-Third Mile Post—Early History. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

West Point, Va., July 11.—To-day as West Point's birthday, but it failed to have any noticeable celebration of the anniversary.

On the 11th day of July, 1870, forty-three years ago, West Point became

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When a man writes to me asking about these crops that I never grew and have no faith in as money crops. I know at once that on that mark farm the corn is poor, and the wheat poor, and the whole place run down, and he feels that farming does not with that class of cultivators. We do not need new crops on the farm, but better farming with the old ones. More corn to the acre, and grown at less cost, more

Former Representative Pearre Affirms Statements Made by Col. Mulhall.

Cumberland, Md., July 11 .- Former epresentative George A. Pearre, who Colonel M. M. Mulhall, paid agent, lobbyist and strikebreaker of the National Manufacturers' Association, as one of the men defeated for Congress through his efforts and those of the association, has something to say in reference to what Mulhall says.

Colonel Pearre answers Mr. Mulhall's

Colonel Pearre answers Mr. Mulhall's statement as published in the New York World June 29, as well as subsequent publications, saying many of them are true. Colonel Pearre said:
"I have read carefully the statement of Colonel Mulhall in the New York World of June 29, and portions of his correspondence printed in that and subsequent issues of the New York World, and can say that while the colonel draws upon his imagination for many draws upon his imagination for many of his facts, most of them as stated by him are correct and are corroborated

him are correct and are corroborated by the documents he produces.

Efforts to Intimidate.

"As early as 1906 it became apparent to me that the National Association of Manufacturers, through its agent, Col-onel Mulhall, was trying to intimidate members of Congress. Between that time and 1908 I received a letter from Marshall Cushing, the secretray of that association, plainly indicating to me association, plainly indicating to me that my views upon public questions were disapproved by that association, and that unless I changed those views I might expect its effective opposition.
"Colonel Mulhall did come into my
district, the Sixth District, into Fred-[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Fredericksburg, Va., July 11.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' and Merchants' State
Bank, Inc., held here last night, the reports showed a net profit of 41 per in the counties of that district, especially in Allegany County, to compass cially in Allegany County, to compass my defeat for nomination and elec-tion."

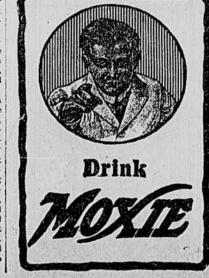
Deposed From Committee.
"The only other time when I believe
the National Association of Manufacturers and Colonel Mulhall used their baneful influence against me with success was in having Speaker Cannon de-pose me from the Committee on the Judiciary without rhyme or reason, which I have always believed was done at the behest of these agencies."

MOORE IS UNOPPOSED.

warrant was issued to-day for Dr. E. writing prescriptions for intoxicating liquors to be filled at his own drug store. Under the law, it is a misdemeanor for any physician to write such a prescription to be filled at a drug store in which he is financially interested, punishable by a fine or imprisonment at the discretion of court. It is alleged that Carter is the proprietor of the Carter drug store, and, as a practicing physician, he has written prescriptions which were filled

the police department indicting the Carter and Christian drug stores, both conducted by colored men, on a charge of selling whiskey illicitly. The war rants were issued as a result of an investigation made by the police de partment to ascertain the amount of liquor bought and sold in the Twin City. The report showed that the Christian drug store had received 148 gallons of whiskey in four shipments during the past month, and that the Carter drug store had received thirtythree and one-half gallons of whiskey in three shipments, and eighteen gal-lons of beer in four shipments during the same month.

Killed in Runaway.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Winston-Salem, N. C., July 11.—
Israel Hauser, a farmer who resides
near King, Stokes County, was killed carly this morning as a result of an accident. Hauser was driving a pair of mules hauling water to a boller of a threshing machine, when the team be came frightened and ran away, throw-ing him out of the wagon. His skuil was fractured, and he lived only a few



TODAY'S Opening of Another

We long ago decided that 623 East Broad Street would be a good place for a UNITED CIGAR STORE.

The lease then taken is now effective and the store will be opened

This is the second UNITED CIGAR STORE in this city, and it is being established to favor the convenience of a new patronage.

We always like to shorten the number of steps to our door—to make it as easy as possible to connect up with the advantages we offer—to meet our friends more than half way.

The opening of the new store will be made an occasion well worth the attention of the smokers of this city.

We propose to show how we value the welcome we have received.

Something to remember us by will therefore go to everybody who comes into our new store at 623 East Broad Street, opening day and as well in our store at 836 East Main Street.

Double Certificates with All Purchases and a Choice of the Following

Handsome Metal Match Safe FREE with a 25c purchase.

A "Steinecke" Cigar Cutter FREE with a 50c purchase.

A Combination Ash Tray and Match Box Holder FREE with a \$1.00 purchase.

A Leather Cigar Case FREE with \$1.50 purchase.

A "Hahway" Cigar Lighter FREE with a \$2.50 purchase.

An Amber Cigar Holder FREE with a \$3.50 purchase.

A Meerchaum and Amber Cigar Holder FREE with a \$5.00 purchase.

An oak, copper-lined Humidor (capacity 50 cigars) FREE with a \$10.00 purchase.





Odds and Ends From the Wire

CAN'T ENDURE ENOCH ARDEN.

Suicide Reverses the Conditions of the Famous Poem. Famous Poem.

Selinsgrove, Pa., July 11.—Suicide, the culmination of a tragedy of love, was revealed
in the finding in the Susquehanna River here
of the drowned body of Albert W. Fisher, of
Williamsport, a middle-aged private in the
Twelfth Regiment, National Guard, of Pennsylvania.
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five years ago, when the woman of his affection became Mrs. Charles Dunning of the-

sylvania.

Fisher's first great disappointment came five years ago, when the woman of his affection became Mrs. Charles Dunning, of that city. Her husband went West several years later to make his fortune. His first failure discouraged him, and he discontinued correspondence with his wife. Mrs. Dunning gave him up for dead a year ago and wedded Fisher. They lived happily in his humble cottage, and the name of Dunning was never spoken under that roof.

Like a veritable apparition from the grave, Charles Dunning returned to Williamsport several weeks ago, a prosperous man, to reclaim his wife he had wronged.

Just what transpired in the Fisher home when Dunning crossed that threshold has since been guarded secret, but Mrs. Fisher became again Mrs. Dunning and went West with him. Fisher's melancholy grew daily, and finally overpowered him Tuesday night, when he told his tentmate he was "going to the Susquehanna River to take a long swim."

LOSE LIVES IN BLIZZARD.

Two of Four Mountain Climbers Still Missing
After Week.
Portland, Ore., July 11.—A. Clinton B.
Smith and wife, of Portland, Ore, have been
lost on Mount St. Helens for a week, and it
is feared they perished in a blizzard. Smith
and his wife started the ascent of the mountain last Thursday with R. S. Carroll and
Miss Bertie Monroe, of Portland.
They were caught in a severe blizzard and
the party became separated. Carroll and
Miss Monroe reached Cougar Tuesday in an
exhausted condition. Search parties have
found no trace of the Smiths.

WOMAN A CATTLE QUEEN.

Markets at Big Profit Two Hundred Steers,
Feeding of Which She Managed.
Kansas City, July 11.—Mrs. H. M. Stonebreaker marketed 100 fat steers in Kansas
City, and Wednesday she had a similar number on the market. The 200 head brought
\$20,000. Mrs. Stonebreaker, who lives in Kansas City, was at the stock yards on both occasions and saw the steers sold and weighed,
and checks drawn in her favor.
All the steers were bought by her on the
Kansas City market last fall at \$4 100 pounds,
and the selling price this week was \$7.80 and
\$8.05. They were fed on gross, cornstalks,
corn and alfalfa hay that grows on Mrs.
Stonebreaker's \$400-acre farm near Lenexa,
Kan.
"And did Mr. Stonebreaker supervise the
farm and handle the cattle?"
"My, no," she responded, "he scarcely had
time to see the place. I look after the direct
management, hire all the help, buy all my
cattle. I am a country-reared woman and
love the farm and stock."

MILITANTS HIT WRONG FOE.

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Placard Home of Antis' Press Agent Instead
of President.

Plainfield, N. J., July 11.—Here lives the
president of the Traitors. To hell with the
antis. Hurrah for Mrs. Pankhurst! Down
with the antis!" Buch was the sign penciled
neatly in chalks of varied colors on the front
porch of the pelatis! home of Mrs. Elizabeth

B. Sykes, in East Front Street, this morning,
Mrs. Sykes is the mother of McCready
Sykes, a humorist and literary man, and herself a writer. Two months ago, when the
New Jersey Association Opposed to Woman
Sufrage, of which Mrs. E. Yard Breese, of
Trenton, and formerly of Plainfield, organized a local branch with 250 society women
as members, Mrs. Sykes was elected secretary and press agent. Mrs. Sherman B.
Joost, another society woman, was chosen
president, and the mild militants supposedly
mistook Mrs. Sykes's home for hers.

HAS INTUITION OF ROBBERY.

Servant in Rectory Awakens, Is Choked, and Priest Saves Her.

Mahanoy City, Pa., July II.—Awakened by a feeling of uneasiness that she was unable to explain, Miss Irene Haley, a domestic in the rectory of Holy Rosary Church, at Mahanoy Plane, opened her eyes at midnight to behold three masked burglars in her room. She screamed and was being choked into insensibility when Father McCook, who was relieving Father Fleming, hurried from another room.

The burglars fied without booty, but later other room.

The burglars fied without body, but later reappeared in the church, where they turned on the light. They were chased the second time before they could secure anything of value.

HID \$300 IN HER LOCKET.

Widower Husband Discovers Part of Wife's Widower Husband Discovers Part of Wife's Treasure.

Altoona, Pa., July 11.—Intending to look at the picture of his wife, who died several weeks ago, Alfred David, a confectioner, opened the locket she had worn all day and night before she passed away, and was surprised to find six \$50 bills neatly folded inside.

David had been hunting high and low for \$500 which he knew his wife had only a short time before her death, but without success. She saved the money, little by little, and, fearing robbers, had concealed it, not teiling oven her husband where it was. With the discovery of the \$300 he will renew his search for the balance.

PET SNAKE CAUSES PANIC.

Neighbors Threaten Trouble, but Law Allows of Its Keeping.
Wilmington, Del., July 11.—"Is there any law against keeping a pet snake?" asked Mary Anderson, a colored woman, living in Guthries row, South Wilmington, of House Sergeant Durney, at the police station, today, She said her boy had caught a black-snake "as long as a broom-handle and astifick as her arm," at Richardson Park and brought it home. She said it is harmless, for she filed off its teeth.

Mary declared she has put the snake out several times, but it likes her so well it insists on coming back. Its roaming through the neighborhood has the other negro-residents panic-stricken almost constantly, and they have threatened trouble unless the blacksnake disappears. She wanted to know the reptile's legal standing.

The statute books contain nothing about blacksnakes as pets or their retention in private dwellings, and the snake stays, panic or no panic.

Wednesday morning. The hearing was presided over by Police Justice Charles A. Raine, Jr., and was attended by a large crowd of people. Coleman, who was represented by counsel, endeavored to prove that he struck the official in relf-defense when the latter rose up quickly out of his chair after the athis character. Coleman, on the stand, said that he believed that the officer was about to assault him when he got up suddenly, and on that account struck

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